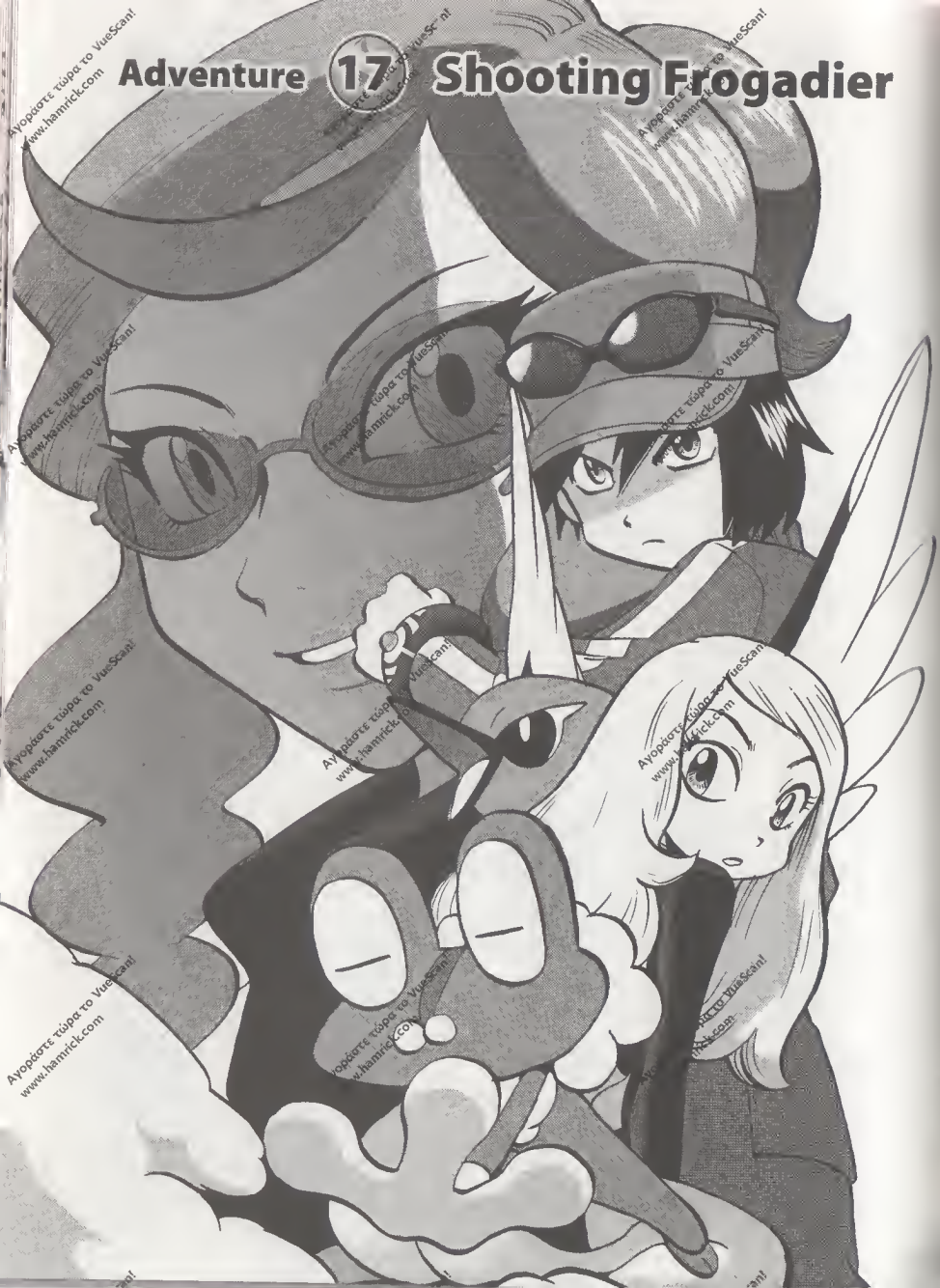
Adventure 17 Shooting Frogadier



Current Location

Route 8
Above Muraille Coast

This is a road of great contrasts, from the harsh rock of the cliffs to the soft sands of the beach.

* They're taking the air route.

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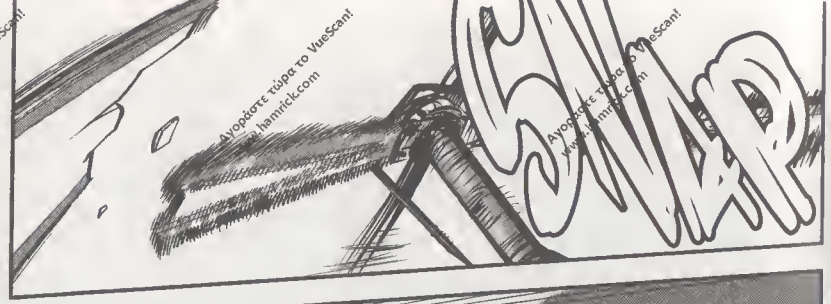
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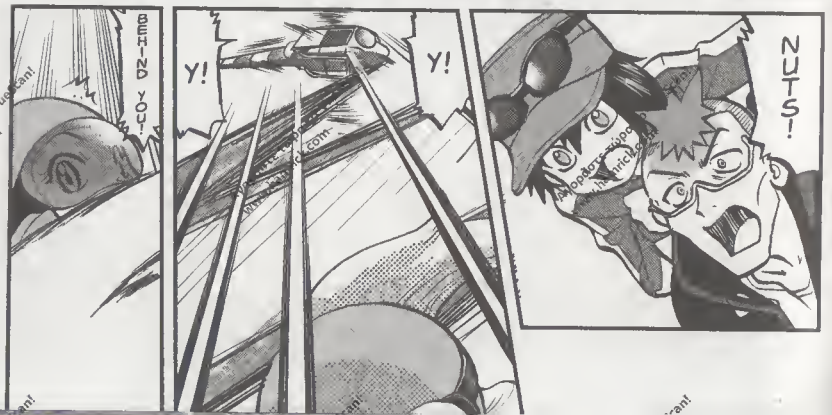
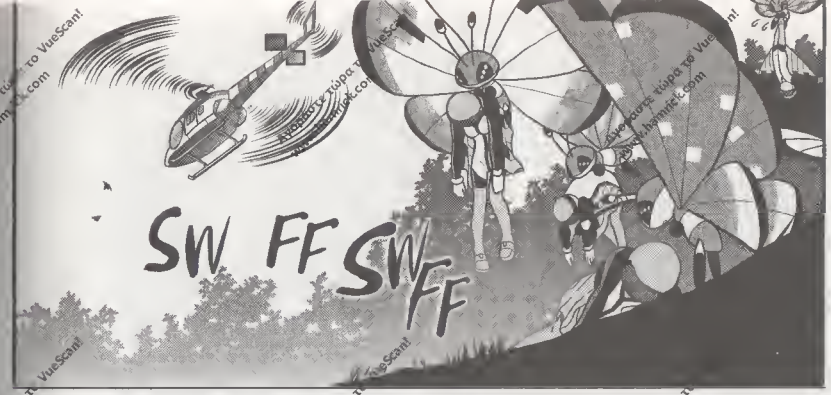

BEHIND YOU!
Y!
Y!
NUTS!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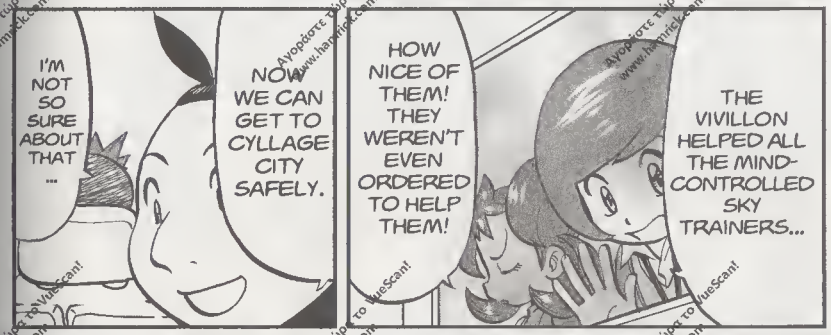
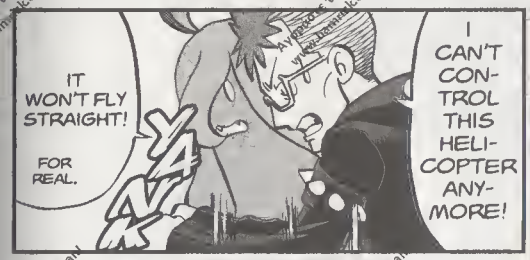
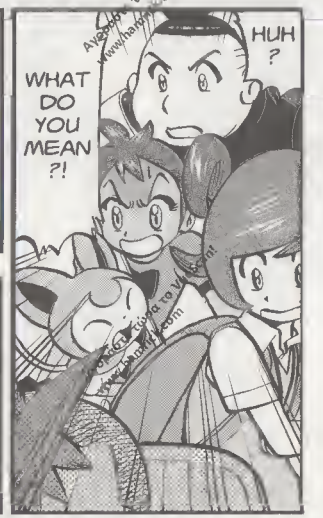

I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT ...
NOW WE CAN GET TO CYLLAGE CITY SAFELY.
HOW NICE OF THEM! THEY WEREN'T EVEN ORDERED TO HELP THEM!
THE VIVILLON HELPED ALL THE MIND-CONTROLLED SKY TRAINERS...


IT WON'T FLY STRAIGHT!
FOR REAL.
YAAK
I CAN'T CON-TROL THIS HELI-COPTER ANY-MORE!


HUH ?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN ?!

I HEAR A WEIRD NOISE TOO...
FOR REAL.
KLANG
KLANG
THE ROTOR MUST HAVE GOTTEN BUSTED BY THAT HURRICANE ATTACK...!

WHERE DID Y CRASH-LAND...?!
PASSENGERS, PREPARE FOR A ROUGH LANDING...!
FOR REAL.
HEY! I'VE FOUND THE PERFECT SPOT FOR AN EMER-GENCY LANDING!
WFFF
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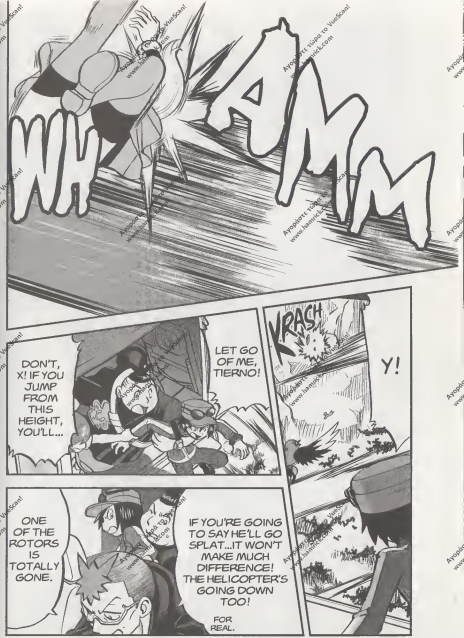
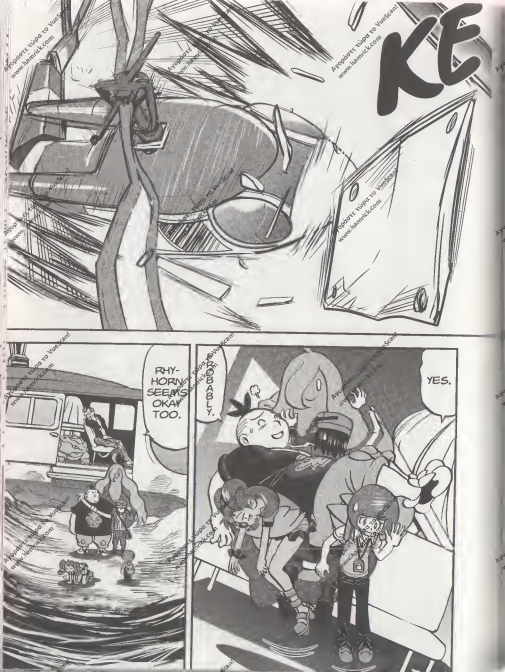
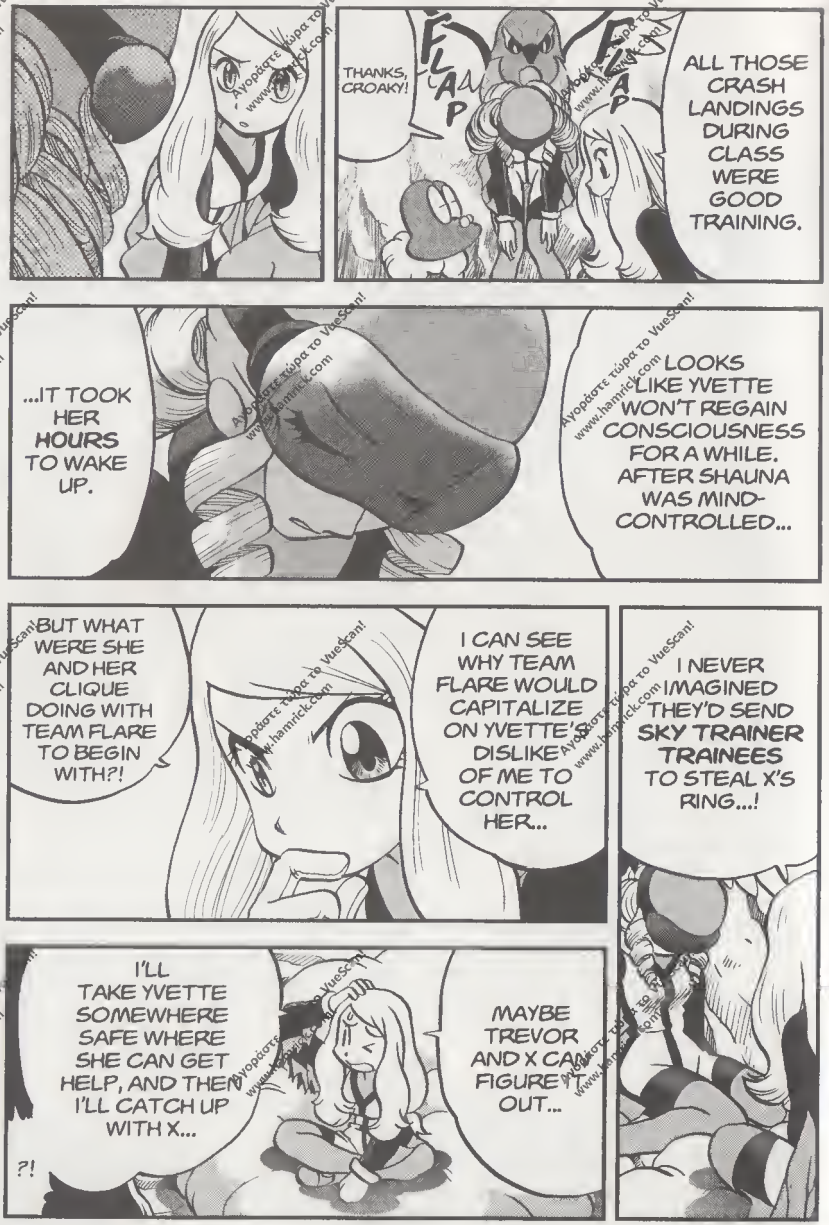
KE
RRU
UCH


WHAMM
DON'T, X! IF YOU JUMP FROM THIS HEIGHT, YOU'LL...
LET GO OF ME, TIERNO!
KRASH
Y!
ONE OF THE ROTORS IS TOTALLY GONE.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO SAY HE'LL GO SPLAT...IT WON'T MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE! THE HELICOPTER'S GOING DOWN TOO!
FOR REAL.

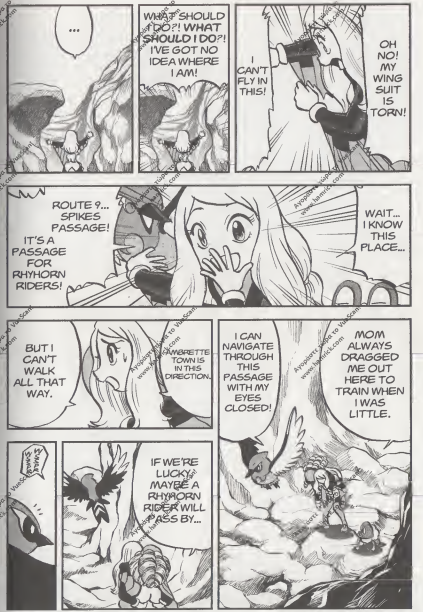

KE
RHY-HORN SEEMS OKAY TOO.
PROBABLY.
YES.

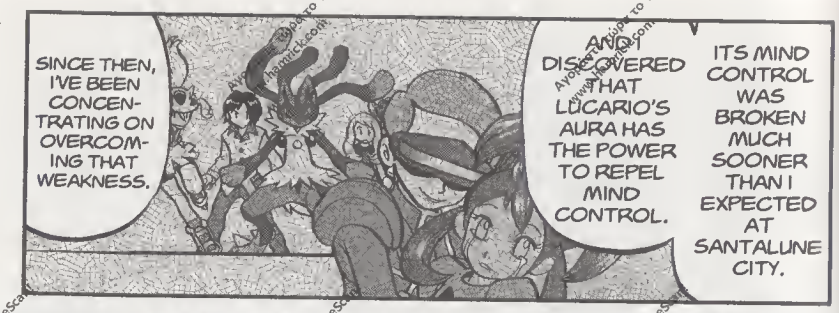
KR R RASSSH
PHEW! THAT WAS TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT. WE ALMOST DOVE INTO THE RIVER.
FOR REAL.
ARE YOU GUYS ALL RIGHT?

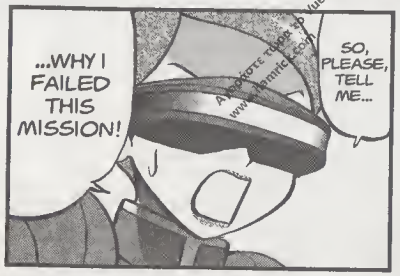

ALL THOSE CRASH LANDINGS DURING CLASS WERE GOOD TRAINING.
FLAP
FLAP
THANKS, CROAKY!
...IT TOOK HER HOURS TO WAKE UP.
LOOKS LIKE YVETTE WON'T REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS FOR A WHILE. AFTER SHAUNA WAS MIND-CONTROLLED...
BUT WHAT WERE SHE AND HER CLIQUE DOING WITH TEAM FLARE TO BEGIN WITH?!
I CAN SEE WHY TEAM FLARE WOULD CAPITALIZE ON YVETTE'S DISLIKE OF ME TO CONTROL HER...
I NEVER IMAGINED THEY'D SEND SKY TRAINER TRAINEES TO STEAL X'S RING...!
I'LL TAKE YVETTE SOMEWHERE SAFE WHERE SHE CAN GET HELP, AND THEN I'LL CATCH UP WITH X...
?!
MAYBE TREVOR AND X CAN FIGURE IT OUT...

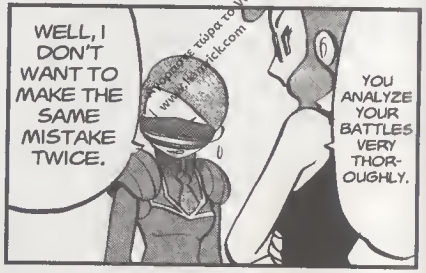
TO SEE THE FLIGHT PATH WE TOOK...
WHAT FOR?
SURE. MIGHT BE BROKEN THOUGH.
MAY I TAKE A LOOK AT THE FLIGHT RECORDER?
PLEASE BE ALL RIGHT!
Y...
OVER HERE!
FLETCHY!

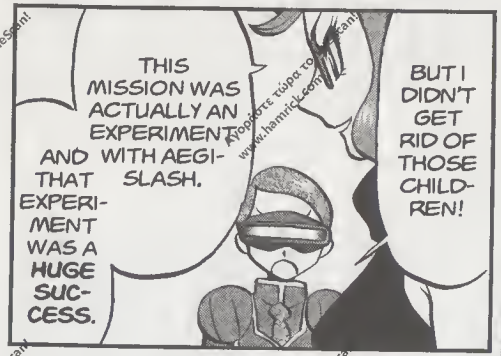
FIND ANYBODY, FLETCHY?
WHAT'S WRO- OH!
URK
SHAUNA!
AND THE OTHER ONE IS...
HER NAME IS CELOSIA ...!
I KNOW THAT WOMAN! SHE'S THE SCIENTIST WHO MIND-CONTROLLED SHAUNA!
TEAM FLARE!


...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?! WHAT SHOULD I DO?! I'VE GOT NO IDEA WHERE I AM!
I CAN'T FLY IN THIS!
OH NO! MY WING SUIT IS TORN!
ROUTE 9... SPIKES PASSAGE! IT'S A PASSAGE FOR RHYHORN RIDERS!
WAIT... I KNOW THIS PLACE...
BUT I CAN'T WALK ALL THAT WAY.
LAVERITE TOWN IS IN THIS DIRECTION.
I CAN NAVIGATE THROUGH THIS PASSAGE WITH MY EYES CLOSED!
MOM ALWAYS DRAGGED ME OUT HERE TO TRAIN WHEN I WAS LITTLE.
SNAP SNAP
IF WE'RE LUCKY, MAYBE A RHYHORN RIDER WILL PASS BY...

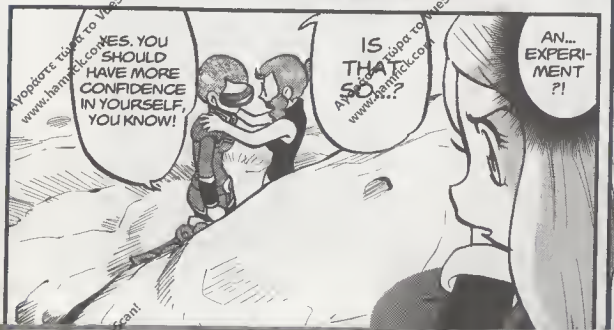

SINCE THEN, I'VE BEEN CONCENTRATING ON OVERCOMING THAT WEAKNESS.
AND I DISCOVERED THAT LUCARIO'S AURA HAS THE POWER TO REPEL MIND CONTROL.
ITS MIND CONTROL WAS BROKEN MUCH SOONER THAN I EXPECTED AT SANTALUNE CITY.

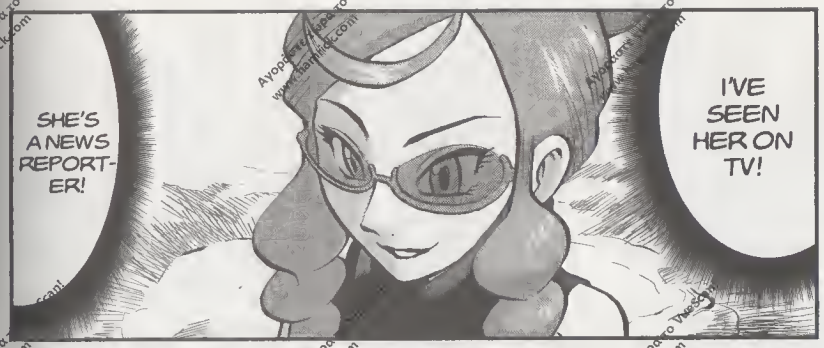

...WHY I FAILED THIS MISSION!
SO, PLEASE, TELL ME...

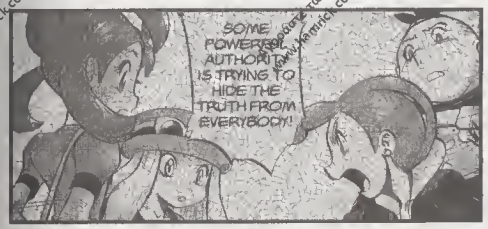

WELL, I DON'T WANT TO MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE TWICE.
YOU ANALYZE YOUR BATTLES VERY THOROUGHLY.


THIS MISSION WAS ACTUALLY AN EXPERIMENT WITH AEGISLASH.
AND THAT EXPERIMENT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS.
BUT I DIDN'T GET RID OF THOSE CHILDREN!

ACTUALLY...
...THE FACT IS...
...YOU DIDN'T FAIL THE MISSION YOU WERE GIVEN.


YES. YOU SHOULD HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF, YOU KNOW!
IS THAT SO...?
AN... EXPERIMENT?!


SHE'S A NEWS REPORTER!
I'VE SEEN HER ON TV!


SOME POWERFUL AUTHORITY IS TRYING TO HIDE THE TRUTH FROM EVERYBODY!

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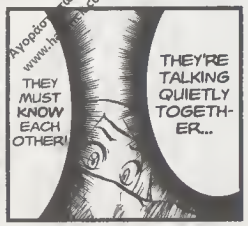
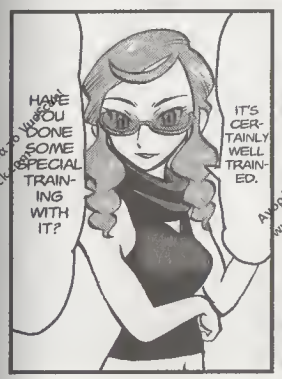
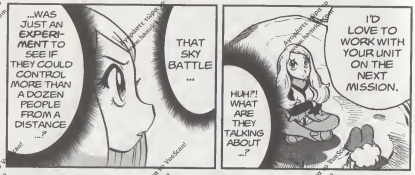

THEY MUST KNOW EACH OTHER!
THEY'RE TALKING QUIETLY TOGETHER...

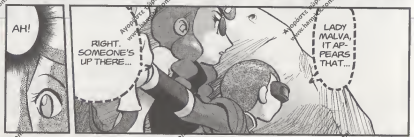
...CONTROLS THE MEDIA AS WELL?!
TEAM FLARE...

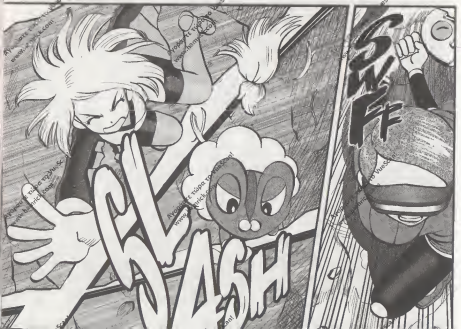

HAVE YOU DONE SOME SPECIAL TRAINING WITH IT?
IT'S CERTAINLY WELL TRAINED.

LADY MALVA, WHAT DID YOU THINK OF MY AEGISLASH?

THANKS FOR LENDING THIS TO ME.

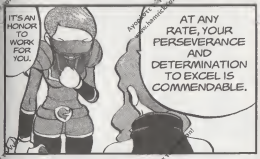

...WAS JUST AN EXPERIMENT TO SEE IF THEY COULD CONTROL MORE THAN A DOZEN PEOPLE FROM A DISTANCE...?
THAT SKY BATTLE...
I'D LOVE TO WORK WITH YOUR UNIT ON THE NEXT MISSION.
HUH?! WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT...?


AH!
RIGHT. SOMEONE'S UP THERE...
LADY MALVA IT APPEARS THAT...


SLASH
SWIFF

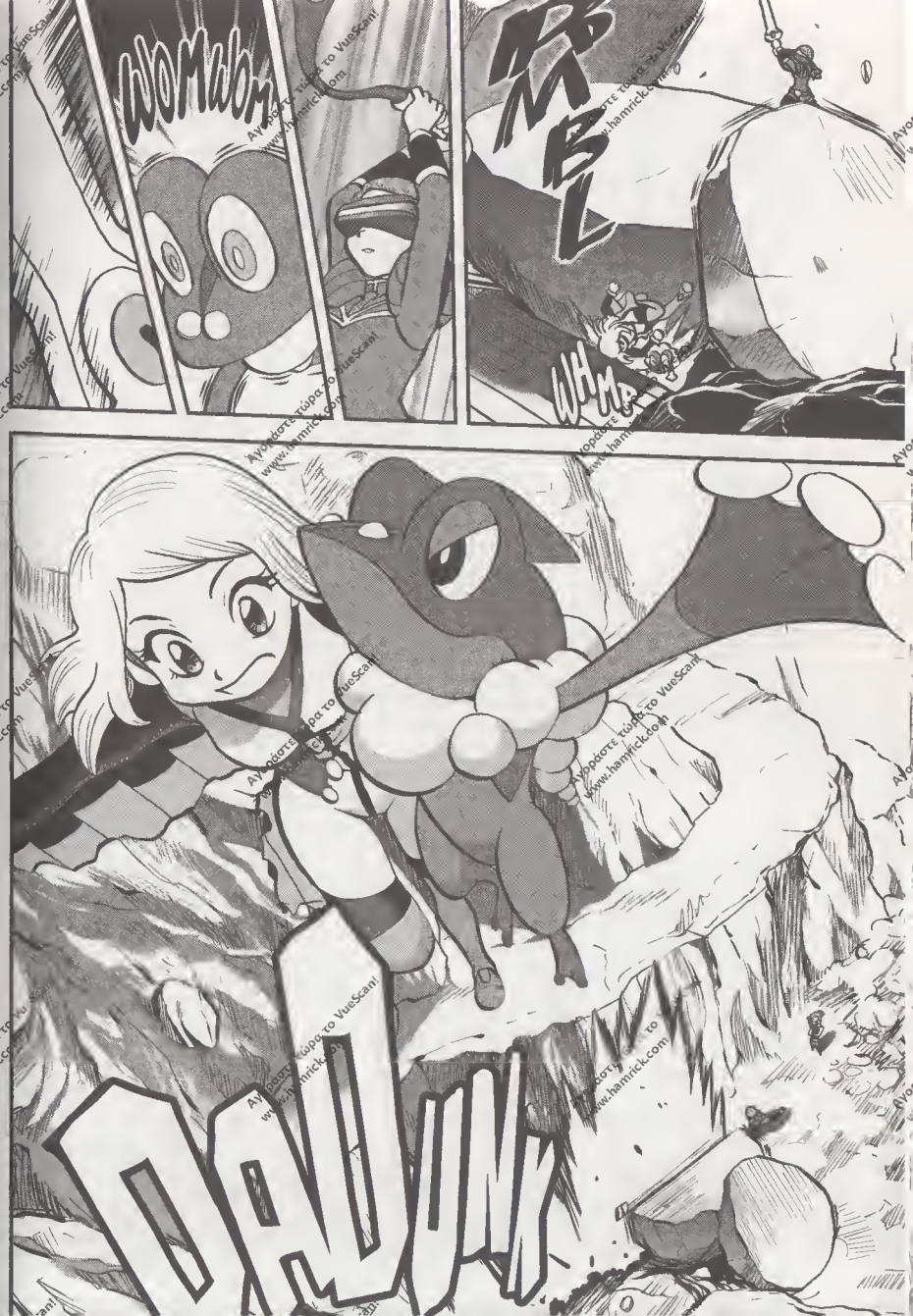
...AND THAT WE CAN CONTROL FIFTEEN PEOPLE AT ONCE. SO WE'LL PROBABLY BE ABLE TO MIND CONTROL TWICE AS MANY NEXT TIME.
NOW WE HAVE PROOF THAT AEGISLASH'S MIND CONTROL CAN BE DEPLOYED OVER LONG DISTANCES...

...XERNEAS...
WHICH MEANS... WE CAN CONTROL OUR CAPTIVES—OUR LABORERS—TO TRANSPORT...


IT'S AN HONOR TO WORK FOR YOU.
AT ANY RATE, YOUR PERSEVERANCE AND DETERMINATION TO EXCEL IS COMMENDABLE.

CONNECTED TO... THE ULTIMATE WEAPON!
...TO THE ABSORBER...

BUT WHEN IT COMES TO DETERMINATION... BRYONY IS THE BEST.



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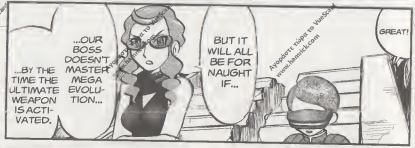
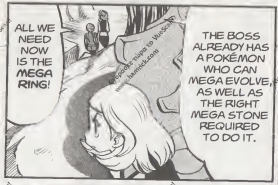
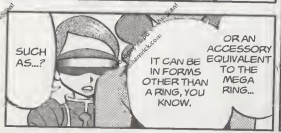
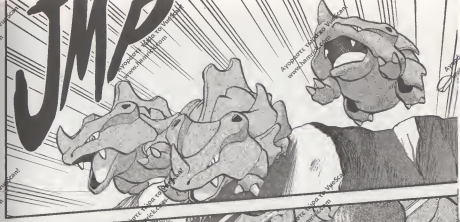
...AND WE PLAN TO TRANS-PORT XERNEAS TONIGHT.
IN CONCLU-SION, THE EXPERI-MENT WAS A SUCCESS ...


...BY THE TIME THE ULTIMATE WEAPON IS ACTI-VATED.
...OUR BOSS DOESN'T MASTER MEGA EVOLU-TION...
BUT IT WILL ALL BE FOR NAUGHT IF...
GREAT!


ALL WE NEED NOW IS THE MEGA RING!
THE BOSS ALREADY HAS A POKÉMON WHO CAN MEGA EVOLVE, AS WELL AS THE RIGHT MEGA STONE REQUIRED TO DO IT.

WE HAVE TO PRE-PARE EVERY-THING BY TOMOR-ROW.


SUCH AS...?
IT CAN BE IN FORMS OTHER THAN A RING, YOU KNOW.
OR AN ACCESSORY EQUIVALENT TO THE MEGA RING...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RWH
RWH
RWH
RWH

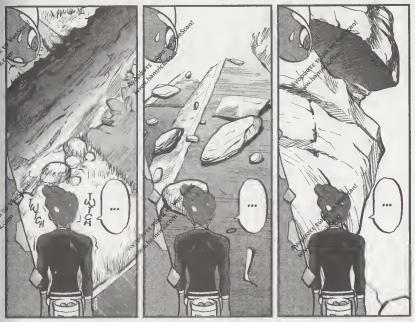
PROB-ABLY NOTH-ING.
THANKS, CROAKY.

THIS IS THEIR TERRITORY AFTER ALL. THERE'S A HERD OF THEM OVER THERE.

MAYBE IT WAS JUST A RHYHORN.
RAWR

I'LL GIVE YOU THE LOWDOWN ON THEM AS WELL.
THOSE KIDS WHO'VE BEEN PERFORMING MEGA EVOLUTION AND RUNNING AWAY FROM US...

TO... NIGHT?!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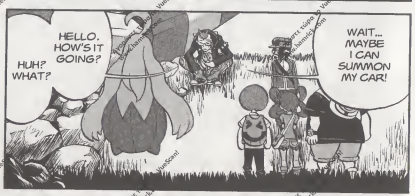
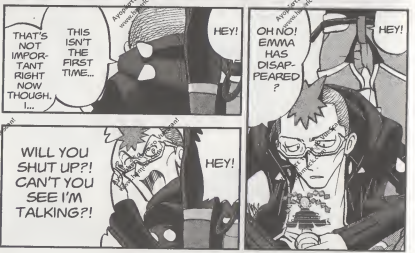
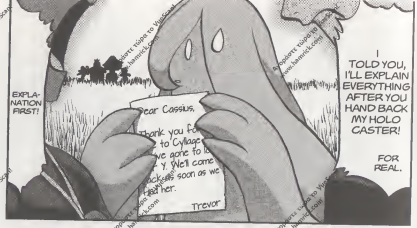
BUT HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO GET THERE? THE CHOPPER IS HISTORY.
...Y MUST HAVE CRASH-LANDED SOMEWHERE AROUND ROUTE 9 NEAR SPIKES PASSAGE.
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. JUDGING FROM THE LOCATION WHERE THE HELICOPTER STARTED TO SPIN OUT AND THE SCENERY I SAW THERE...


HELLO. HOW'S IT GOING?
HUH? WHAT?
WAIT... MAYBE I CAN SUMMON MY CAR!


THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW THOUGH. I...
THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME...
HEY!
OH NO! EMMA HAS DISAPPEARED?
HEY!
WILL YOU SHUT UP?! CAN'T YOU SEE I'M TALKING?!
HEY!


I TOLD YOU, I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING AFTER YOU HAND BACK MY HOLO CASTER!
FOR REAL.
EXPLANATION FIRST!
Trevor

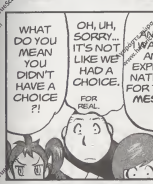
YOU HAVEN'T SAID A THING.
WHAT'S WRONG, TIERNO? SHAUNA?

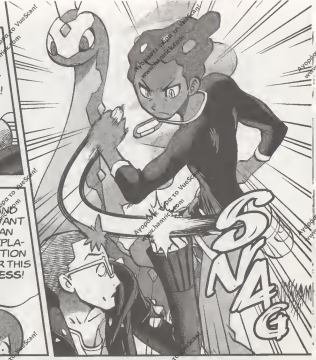
SHAUNA AND I HAVE BEEN TALKING IT OVER, AND...
SUDDENLY!

TREVS, X... GOT A MINUTE?
...

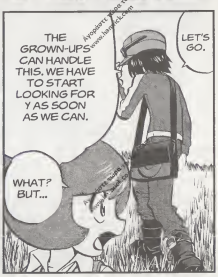
I HOPE Y STAYED PUT WHERE SHE LANDED...
IT'S STARTING TO GET DARK.

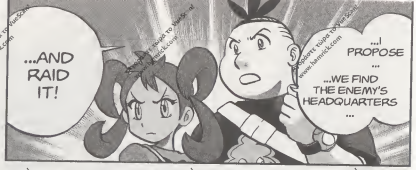
I'M IN CHARGE OF THE CYCLING AND BOULDERING COURSE IN THIS AREA!
WHY WAS THAT FOR?!


WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE?!
OH, UH, SORRY... IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAD A CHOICE.
FOR REAL.

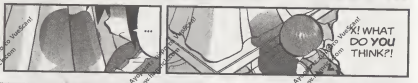

I WANT AN EXPLANATION FOR THIS MESS!
SNAG

"...LEAVE YOUR FRIENDS." REMEMBER? THE FIVE OF US ALWAYS HAVE TO STAY TOGETHER.
"DON'T ...
RIGHT. WAIT FOR ME!


THE GROWN-UP'S CAN HANDLE THIS. WE HAVE TO START LOOKING FOR Y AS SOON AS WE CAN.
LET'S GO.
WHAT? BUT...


...AND RAID IT!
...I PROPOSE ...
...WE FIND THE ENEMY'S HEADQUARTERS ...

I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, BUT...
THAT'S WHAT I PROPOSE WE DO—AS SOON AS WE MEET UP WITH Y.
IT'S TIME WE TURN THE TABLES ON THEM!
THEY'RE ALWAYS CHASING US AND WE'RE ALWAYS RUNNING AWAY...
W-...
WHAT?!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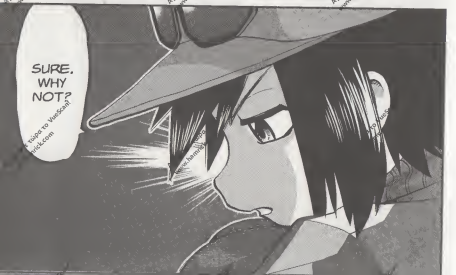
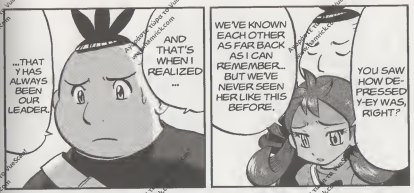
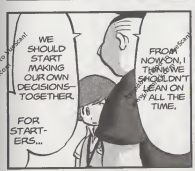
...! WHAT DO YOU THINK?!


SURE. WHY NOT?


...THAT Y HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR LEADER.
AND THAT'S WHEN I REALIZED ...
WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER AS FAR BACK AS I CAN REMEMBER... BUT WE'VE NEVER SEEN HER LIKE THIS BEFORE.
YOU SAW HOW DE-PRESSED Y-EY WAS, RIGHT?

WE CAN'T DECIDE ON OUR NEXT MOVE.
...WE'RE HAVING TROUBLE WORKING AS A TEAM.
WITH-OUT HER ...

BUT DEEP INSIDE... SHE JUST COULDN'T TAKE IT ANY-MORE.
Y-EY'S TOUGH. SHE NEVER COMPLAINS.


WE SHOULD START MAKING OUR OWN DECISIONS—TOGETHER.
FOR START-ERS...
FROM NOW ON, I THINK WE SHOULDN'T LEAN ON Y ALL THE TIME.

SHE PULLED HERSELF TOGETHER FOR THE BATTLE, BUT WHO KNOWS WHEN SHE'LL FALL INTO A DEPRESSION AGAIN!

EVER SINCE OUR JOURNEY BEGAN—NO, PROBABLY EVEN BEFORE THAT—WE'VE ALWAYS RELIED ON Y... WITHOUT EVEN REALIZING IT.